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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows, reflecting added subject matter (*underlining*) and deleted subject matter (*strikethrough*). These changes are marked on the Specification submitted herewith.

Amended Paragraph [0001] on pages 1 of the Specification:

[0001] This application is a continuation of Application No. 09/371,212, entitled "METHOD FOR BUYER-SELLER ON-LINE COMMERCE" and filed on August 10, 1999, which is a continuation ~~-in-part~~ of Application Serial No.08/189,405, entitled "COMMERCIAL PRODUCT ROUTING SYSTEM WITH VIDEO VENDING CAPABILITY" and filed on January 27, 1994, which is a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 08/154,313, entitled "SCHEDULING AND PROCESSING SYSTEM FOR TELEPHONE VIDEO COMMUNICATION" and filed on November 17, 1993, now U.S. Patent No. 5,495,284, which is a continuation-in-part application of Application Serial No. 08/067,783, entitled "VIDEOPHONE SYSTEM FOR SCRUTINY MONITORING WITH COMPUTER CONTROL" and filed on May 25, 1993, now ~~abandoned~~ abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part application of Application Serial No. 08/031,235, entitled "VIDEOPHONE SYSTEM FOR SCRUTINY MONITORING WITH COMPUTER CONTROL" and filed on March 12, 1993, now U.S. Patent No. 5,412,708. The subject matter in all the above-identified co-pending and commonly owned applications is incorporated herein by reference.

Amended Paragraph [0049] on pages 14-15 of the Specification:

[0049] The central traffic control station TIS may automatically place a call (for example, to broadcast a proposal request from a buyer) to the appropriate vendor locations, determined by a database of vendor locations qualified (for example, as by specific category or sub-category) for the particular merchandise for which the buyer requests proposals. Likewise, when executing appointments, the buyer may place a call to the appropriate vendor location, determined also by a database associated with the particular one of the vendor locations L1-Ln, ~~with which the specific buyer has an appointment scheduled. Alternatively, the buyer may~~ actuate an autodialer, such that the autodialer code number (obtained from the central traffic

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control station database) displayed on the buyer's video terminal connects him or her to the appropriate vendor. In the event there are complications or otherwise, the buyer may use a regular telephone or a cellular telephone and manually dial the telephone number displayed on the video terminal. It is currently recognized that cellular transmission will ultimately provide dynamic motion and high resolutions freeze frame displays. **At present, wireless interface structures are known for video cameras and video receivers to accommodate wireless video communication through the telephone company, i.e. the dial-up public telephone system. In that regard, see: U.S. Patent 4,825,457, issued April 25, 1989 to Mayer M. Lebowitz. Accordingly, using wireless video communication structures, as indicated above, the buyer, for example, may access an appropriate vendor location, as through a cellular telephone communication link.**

Amended Paragraph [0052] on pages 15-16 of the Specification:

[0052] Each buyer system BS1-BSn may be equipped with a platform to accommodate select communications with various vendors. Assume that a person at vendor location L1 wishes to schedule an appointment with a buyer at buyer terminal V1. As a result, telephone equipment at the location L1 is actuated, either manually or automatically, prompting dial-up operations to accomplish a connection from the vendor location L1 through the telephone system TS to the traffic control system TIS. Standard information, as the specific buyer with which the vendor may be entitled to schedule an appointment may be indicated by dialed number identification signals (DNIS) using a capability readily available from the telephone system TS, as for example on the so-called D-channel. It is to be noted that while the D-channel apparatus provides one operational configuration, some DNIS and/or ANI (Automatic Number Identification) data signals can be received in-band without D-channel apparatus. In any event, such signals may direct or qualify communication under control of the system TIS. It should be noted that DNIS and ANI signals can be used for identification, whereby the control computer CC may fetch identification data for graphic displays. **Also, as indicated above, cellular or other known wireless telephones links may be involved using known systems and techniques. In that regard, such structures may involve mobile identification numbers (MIN) which equate to ANI signals.**